

Illinois Commerce Commission
Pipeline Safety
Pipeline Safety Report

Operator: AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY	Operator ID#: 32513
Exit Meeting Contact: John Bozarth	Total Man Days: 0.5
Pipeline Safety Representative(s): Charles Gribbins	
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Inspection Summary

Inspection Type	Location	ICC Analyst	Inspection Unit(s)	Man Day(s)	Inspection Date(s)	Contact(s)
Damage Prevention Activities	Pawnee	Charles Gribbins	PAWNEE	0.5	8/5/2014 (Half)	Allen Kish, Bozarth John, Mike Fuller

Statement of Activities

On August 5, 2014, Staff conducted a Damage Prevention Meeting with Ameren Illinois, at the Pawnee Office. Staff met with the following company representatives: John Bozarth, Manager Gas Compliance & Training; Mike Fuller, Engineer, Gas Compliance & Training; and Allen Kish, Supervisor Damage Prevention, to discuss the following two issues or concerns that JULIE Enforcement had with Ameren Illinois on locating issues Abandonment of Pipelines. The following Incident Reports were discussed: Case Number 0045-14 and Case Number 0046-14.

Case Number 0045-14 indicated that the City of Charleston was conducting excavation near a 2" gas main that was marked. The City of Charleston indicated the hit was an unmarked gas service that extended across the street to a location where a house used to be located. The City of Charleston hit the gas service and ruptured the 2" gas main.

Staff inquired of Ameren Illinois of their findings at 1016 Douglas Street in Charleston. The information provided by Ameren indicated the gas service stub was between 10" and 12" in length. Ameren stated that the City of Charleston hit the stub within the tolerance zone of the main markings. Ameren's Procedure ABND 2.01 2. Services, A General, (4) Services should be disconnected as close as practical to the main, within 18" whenever possible. If the stub exceeds 18", it shall be documented as per ABND 2.01.5 which states .5 Records B. If the remaining service stub is 18" or longer it shall be indicated in Ameren's electronic mapping system.

Ameren personnel indicated that service tee was within the tolerance zone allowed by JULIE Illinois One-Call System, "Excavator's still must exercise caution when digging—always hand dig within 18" of marked lines, from surface of the earth to the depth of the proposed excavation." "Working within the tolerance Zone" "Excavation within the tolerance zone requires extra care and precaution including, but not limited to, as outlined in section 4 of the Act. The tolerance zone is the approximate location of underground utility facilities defined as a strip of land at least 3 feet wide, but not wider than the width of the underground facility plus 1 ½ feet on either side of such facility based upon the markings made by the owner or operator of the facility, from the surface of the earth to the depth of the proposed excavation.

Staff reviewed the procedures and information obtained from the operator which indicted that if a service line is shorter than 18" it is not carried on the active mapping system and Ameren considers the stub to be within the tolerance zone of the marking requirements. Ameren also indicated in their procedures that if tap and service pipe connection are greater than 18" it shall be documented and kept in Ameren's electronic mapping system.

Case Number 0046-014 indicated that the City of Charleston was excavating for a storm Sewer and hit an unmarked 2" gas service that was 25" from the gas main. The gas service was not damaged, but was later found to be abandoned.

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Staff inquired of Ameren Illinois of their findings at 965 4th Street. From the information provided by Ameren Illinois, at 965 4th St, it appears that it was a piece of abandoned pipe that did not have gas on it. Ameren's procedure ABND 1. Section 3. Records.

A. All abandoned distribution and transmission mains shall be retired in Ameren Illinois electronic gas mapping system.

B. Records of retired gas services should be filed by street address in the inactive file.

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Ameren's procedures indicated that if the service is purged and filled and capped, a record shall be made and the retired or abandoned gas service will be filed by street address and placed in the inactive file.

After staff conducted the meeting and reviewed the procedures, it appears that at this time Ameren was following its procedures, pending review of this report by the program manager for any additional comments.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

Damage Prevention Activities

Issues(s) Found:

[NO ISSUES FOUND]

Notice Of Amendment(s) Found:

[NO NOAS FOUND]

Notice Of Violation(s) Found:

[NO NOPVS FOUND]

PAST INSPECTION FINDINGS

Issue(s) Corrected:

[NO ISSUES CORRECTED]

Notice Of Amendment(s) Corrected:

[NO NOAS CORRECTED]

Notice of Violations(s) Corrected:

[NO NOPVS CORRECTED]